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Sir,

I find it necessary to comment on the proposed settlement between the U.S. Government and Microsoft. This trial has proceeded under keen observation from the industry and professionals like myself.

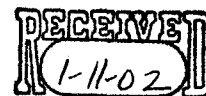
I think it is ridiculous that a company which has been found guilty of non-competitive actions, including giving its products away in order to force other companies out of business, should be allowed a settlement in which it gives away well over a billion dollars worth of its product and services, especially in an area in which it does not already enjoy a majority of market share.

How is this going to lead to competition in the marketplace? The educational market is one of the FEW areas that Microsoft does not currently dominate. How will this affect companies like Apple Computer, who are currently competing in that market? Do you think that schools will choose to use quality and competitive pricing as market tools to their own (and those other company's) advantage? Or will they take the free products, further increasing Microsofts monopoly and power?

The fact that this type of a settlement has been approved by the prosecution is a sad statement on the state of Justice in America today. This is a laughable solution and we will look back on it one day saying, "Remember when there were lots of alternative products WITHOUT the Microsoft label on them?" Then we'll sadly shake our heads and wonder what would have happened if the Government had decided not to repress America's entrepreneurs and sell out the consumer by not punishing a monopolistic bully like Microsoft when it had the chance.

Thank you,

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